

**CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS**

**FOR THE  
34<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Block Association**

34<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Block Association is located at  
**Mini-Precinct**  
1049 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07112

**The Constitution is mandated by the 34<sup>th</sup> Renaissance  
Block Association for exclusive use by the  
Membership**

**This Constitution Supercedes All Previously Adopted  
Constitutions.**

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# **34th RENAISSANCE BLOCK ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this voluntary, non-profit Association, shall be:

**The 34<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Block Association**

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association shall be:

1. To welcome new neighbors
2. To build a neighborhood spirit of cooperation and good will.
3. To develop the neighborhood youth.
4. To help the community in its housing, education, and recreational programs.
5. To promote civic pride and responsibility among its neighbors and to affiliate with other community, block organizations and projects.

## **ARTICLE III – OFFICES**

The principal office of the Association shall be at the home (or designated place) of the President.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS, VOTING, AND DUES**

1. Membership in this Association shall be open to homeowners and tenants of the 34th Renaissance District.
2. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the affairs of the Association.
3. Member fees shall be set on an annual basis by a majority vote of the membership.
4. Members may be suspended or expelled by the Executive Board for non-payment of dues, or for any act or conduct which shall be deemed detrimental to the best interests of this Association. Dues shall be considered delinquent if not received by the Association within sixty (60) days from the due date. Delinquent members may be restored to good standing by action of the Executive Board within a period of two (2) years, upon payment of delinquent dues, together with the full amount of dues subsequently due and payable.
5. The Executive Board may create other membership classifications in the By-Laws providing that members shall not have a role in the affairs of the Association nor hold office. ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS MUST PAY THEIR DUES.

\* Only a member with paid-to-date dues, is qualified to vote.

7. The **Parliamentarian** shall maintain proper order and decorum within the meeting and shall perform such duties, as the president shall require. Parliamentary procedure shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, in so far as they do not conflict with the police council constitution.

### **ARTICLE VIII-COMMITTEES**

1. The president, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint such committees as are required for the proper functioning of this association.
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  1. Program Committee
  2. Community Relations Committee
  3. Youth and Crime Prevention Committee
  4. Neighborhood Improvement Committee
  5. Constitution and By-Laws Committee
  6. Special Project Committee
  7. Membership Committee
  8. Nominating Committee
  9. Sick and Shut In Committee

### **ARTICLE IX - ELECTION**

1. All elections of the 34<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Block Association shall be held within sixty (60) days prior to the April 30<sup>th</sup> expiration date.
2. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, starting May 1<sup>st</sup> and ending April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
3. All individuals nominated from the membership, from the floor, for an office, must be present in order to accept or decline the nomination.
4. Each member present who is in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question. The member must be present to vote.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall perform all duties and have the authority incident of the office of President.
2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of or disability of the President, possess all the powers and discharge all the duties of the President.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the Minutes of this Association, shall keep a roster of the membership, shall maintain all records, shall have general supervision of the financial operations of this Association and shall have custody of all funds of the Association and shall deposit all monies received in a bank approved by the members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit a written report annually or from time to time upon the request of the members. Withdrawals from the bank account in payment of the obligations of this Association shall be signed by two officers: President and Treasurer.
4. The Assistant Treasurer shall, in the absence of or disability of the Treasurer, possess all the powers and discharge all the duties of the Treasurer.
5. The Corresponding Secretary shall write all communications to members, officials, and the general public when requested to do so.

## **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

The President, with the approval of the membership, shall appoint such committees as are required for the proper functioning of this Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS**

1. An annual meeting of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held at such time and place in the month of May as may be designated by the members. The Corresponding Secretary shall mail a written notice to each member if the time and place of such meeting at least three (3) days in advance thereof.
2. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held the second Monday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November at such time and place as may from time to time be approved by the President.
3. Special meetings of this Association may be called at any time by the President.
4. ( #) members present at the meeting of the Association, one of whom shall be an officer shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of the members in good standing.
5. Each member present who is in good (voting) standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question. All votes shall be cast in person only.

6. Order of business shall be Opening Prayer, reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting, Secretary-Treasurer's report, reports of committee, reports of officers, unfinished business, new business, goals of the organization and adjournment.
7. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern all proceedings of the Association.

### **ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS**

1. Nomination of eligible candidates for officer shall be made by a nominating committee which shall be appointed by the president, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.
2. At least one (1) candidate shall be nominated for each office to be filled by election. The names of all such candidates shall be listed for the designated office for which they are nominated in (alphabetical order where there may be more than one candidate) on a ballot, and shall also provide sufficient blank lines for the writing in of other names at the option of the voters.
3. Voting by secret written ballot will be the first order of business at the annual meeting for contested offices only.



4. Votes shall be tallied immediately upon the completion of the balloting by the Secretary and Treasurer, in the presence of the members and the results of the election shall be announced as soon as determined.

5. The By-Laws may be amended or revised at any annual meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called from that purpose by a majority vote of the membership of the Association present, provided that notice of such proposed amendments or revision shall be given by the Secretary in the notice of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE X – PUBLICITY**

No publicity shall be released in the name of the Association without the prior approval of the officers.

#### **ARTICLE XI – FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from May 1 to April 30.

#### **ARTICLE XII – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the assets shall be distributed among the membership in good standing.